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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - February 8, 1979

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; and Judge Robert F. Michael. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman asked Judge Michael to open the meeting with prayer.

MOTION Judge Michael moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of January 11, 1979 and of January 29, 1979 as mailed.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that the current lease on the upcounty office will expire April 30, 1979 and that it may be to the Board's best interest to find office space at another location. The proposed lease on our current location is being reviewed and alternative locations are being checked.

Mr. Glackin arrived during the above discussion.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that $1,700,000 had been invested in certificates of deposit - $800,000 at Landmark Union Trust Bank at 10.37 percent interest per annum for 181 days; $500,000 at Bank of Clearwater at 10 percent for 119 days; and $400,000 at Bank of Clearwater at 9.80 percent for 59 days. He also indicated a possible change in the bank designated as the depository for Juvenile Welfare Board funds in the near future.

MOTION Judge Michael moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the adjustment of salaries as needed to bring all employees' salaries into line with the Pay and Classification Plan grade and step levels.

Mr. Glackin mentioned that Alley & Alley, Chartered, had asked if the Juvenile Welfare Board would join with others as a friend of the court in objecting to proposals made by the Public Employees Relations Commission, but it was the consensus that this would not be a suitable role for the Board.

Mr. Glackin informed the Board that deferred compensation for Dr. Edwards had been placed with Manufacturers Life in the form of a life insurance policy in the amount of $108,760.

Mr. Glackin said that the attorney for the late Mrs. Boyd had contacted him and asked the Board's indulgence in delaying quitting the property until the end of March, 1979.

Dr. Edwards reported on the presentation he made to the Legislative Delegation on January 31, 1979 to increase to 1.0 mill the statutory limitation authorized the Juvenile Welfare Board to support services to or in behalf of children. The request seemed to be fairly well accepted by the Delegation. Dr. Coleman stated Dr. Edwards had made an excellent presentation. The Delegation may seek to change the method in which members are appointed to the Board in the same bill raising the mill. There will be another meeting with the Delegation on Wednesday, February 21, 1979, in St. Petersburg City Council Chambers, and the Board members are urged to attend. The majority of the Board members said they could accept the change in the method of appointment if that were a necessity for getting the increased millage, especially since the proposed amendment was expected to stipulate that the Board have the right to set the date on which the referendum
would be held, as long as said date coincides with a countywide election day.

**MOTION**

Approval to Transfer from PDF

Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the transfer of $650 from Program Development Funds to Community Services Conference Funds.

**MOTION**

Approval for Reclassification

Mrs. Herman moved, and Mr. Ponds seconded a motion which carried to approve the reclassification of the position held by Carolyn L. Hicks from Supply/Machine Room Clerk to that of Supply/Machine Room Supervisor (Grade 31 step 1 - $9,040.10), effective February 1, 1979.

**MOTION**

Approval of Addendum to State of the Child Plan

Mr. Ponds moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to approve as mailed the revisions to the 1979 State of the Child Plan and an addendum as follows:

A. Legislature amend supplemented adoptions for special needs children to include children who have remained in foster care in excess of three years.

B. Continue higher school financing for exceptional students when they are mainstreamed into regular school classes.

C. Provide third judge to the Juvenile Division, 6th Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Ted Hale, Public Affairs Officer, presented the Board members with the 1977-78 annual report. Many favorable comments were made.

Mr. Ponds and Mrs. Eckert had to leave at this point so there was no longer a quorum.

The meeting continued for informational purposes only with the three remaining members in attendance.

Dr. Coleman asked that Mr. Hale explore with the newspapers having articles done on some of the people on the staff at the Juvenile Welfare Board, especially Dr. Edwards, for the purpose of enlightening the public during the time the Board is attempting to have the millage rate raised.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the next meeting, March 1, 1979, will be held in the conference room at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Dr. Edwards' quarterly activities report was noted.

Dr. Edwards called attention to a memorandum setting out the schedule for the funding process 1979/80.

Mr. Will Michaels, assisted by Ms. Sharron Dillard, gave a short presentation on the 1977-78 program analysis. Much detailed statistical information is contained in this document, such as youths served, age, race, sex, income, residence, etc. A written summary report will be prepared and presented to the Board and media at a later date.

The conference room daily usage for December was 43, for January, 1979, 66.

The next meetings will be:

March 1, 1979 - Review 1979-80 program funding applications.
April 5, 1979 - Review 1979-80 program funding recommendations.
April 18 & 19, 1979 - Discretionary Board review of agencies' requests.
May 3, 1979 - Review for adoption of 1979-80 program funding.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary